

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend page 16, second paragraph, as follows:

The individual passages projecting through the dilation unit 2 are each equipped with a fluid-tight sluice mechanism 15, which in a simplest case is based on the elasticity of the balloon material of which the dilation unit is made. Either the elastic, inflatable material snuggles, practically following the contours, to an outer circumferential edge of the inflated dilation unit 2 and of the aortic wall, such as is the case for example in Fig. 3 with reference to the passages for the coronary catheter C, or the passages are located in the middle of the dilation unit and form tube-like passages in which the channel walls snuggle to each other in a fluid-tight manner in an inflated state and are pressed apart in a fluid-tight manner when a catheter is introduced. Fig. 3 shows a passage pressed apart in a fluid tight matter for one coronary catheter C and other passages I, O, A1, A2 and shows a passage that is sealed fluid-tight without the provision of a second coronary catheter C.